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SUBJECT: GOM TECHNICAL MISSION TO STUDY SUBURBAN TRAIN SYSTEMS

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1. N DE M ADVISES THAT MISSION UNABLE TO DEPART FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY DUE TO SUDDEN NECESSITY HARFUCH PRESENTATION OF SUBURBAN TRAIN PROJECT TO GOM PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JOSE LOPEX PORTILLO AND OTHERS THAT WEEK AT CONVENTION IN GUADALAJARA. THEY UNABLE THIS TIME TO SET ALTERNATE DATE FOR DEPARTURE; BEST ESTIMATE IS LAST WEEK OF FEBRUARY. CONFIRMATION OF DEPARTURE TIME DUE FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY. THEY STILL REQUEST PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR ONE WEEK (TEN DAYS MAXIMUM) TRIP, EVEN THOUGH PRECISE DATE CANNOT BE PIN-POINTED AT THIS TIME.

2. TECHNICAL MISSION WOULD BE COMPOSED, IN ADDITION HARFUCH, OF ING. FELIPE OLIVARES, CHIEF OF SPECIAL STUDY SECTION OF TECHNICAL DEPT AND ING. FRANCISCO RAMIREZ, STAFF MEMBER. OLIVARES VISITED JAPAN ON NONV. 17-21, 1975 AS MEMBER MEXICAN DELEGATION TO EIGHTH PLENARY MEETING OF MEXICAN-JAPANESE BUSINESS COMMITTEE. HE THERE CHAIRED TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE AND SPOKE ABOUT MEXICO CITY SUBURBAN TRAIN PROJECT. THE JAPANESE SHOWED HIM THEIR "BULLET TRAIN" AND THE "KINKI SHARGO" RAILROAD EQUIPMENT, WHERE HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY NAHARU FUKUZAKI, EXEC DIRECTOR OF JAPANESE RAILROADS.

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3. EMBASSY TCO TODAY NOTIFIED PAUL YOUNG, ASST TO THE
ADMINISTRATOR, US FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATIION
TELEPHONE 426-0881) OF PENDING N DE M TECHNICAL MISSION.
HE SUGGESTED THAT THEIR DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR R&D
ROBERT PARSONS MIGHT BRIEF GROUP, AS COULD OFFICIALS OF
URBAN MASS TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION. CLARY'S NAME WAS GIVEN
AS COMMERCE CONTACT.
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